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In re Application of :
Zicker, et al. :
Application No.: 09/978,127 : ON PETITION
Filed: October 16, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No:6493-02-HL :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR §1.137(b), February 10, 2011, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **dismissed**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition" under 37 CFR 1.137(b)."

This application became abandoned for failure to respond in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed June 23, 2010. The notice set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months from its mailing date. No response was received within the allowable period, and the application became abandoned on September 24, 2010.

Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a non-provisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee, or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c).

Item 1 above has not been satisfied as no response to the non-final Office action was filed with the petition. The renewed petition must be accompanied by a proper response to the non-final Office action, which might include either an amendment or a continuing application.

The extension of time within the third month filed February 10, 2011, is noted, but cannot be granted and is not necessary because the request was made outside the maximum statutory period for reply to the non-final Office action. The amount of \$1,730.00 will be refunded, in due course.

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